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Sedgwick County Health Department to Promote the 26th Annual Great American Smokeout

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita are teaming up to help reduce tobacco use among teens. As part of the American Cancer Society's 26th Annual Great American Smokeout, Thursday, November 21, they will provide anti-tobacco and cessation information and activities for Wichita teens at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 North Kansas.

The highlight of this year's program will be the annual "Teen Press Conference" in the Daniel K. Roberts Amphitheater, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. During the "Teen Press Conference," a panel of speakers will talk about tobacco issues and allow local middle and high school students to ask questions, just as if they were members of the media. The "Teen Press Conference" is a way for students to learn firsthand about the dangers of tobacco. The students will then be asked to share the information they learned with other students at their school.

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In addition to the Teen Press Conference, several interactive booths will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to win prizes by correctly answering tobacco-related trivia questions, and will be able to view vivid displays that show the harmful effects tobacco can have on their bodies. Displays targeting adult tobacco users will also be available from 10 to 11 a.m. One booth will provide adults the opportunity to throw away a pack of cigarettes in exchange for “quit kits” and prizes.

“Sedgwick County is committed to providing health services to the community,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “The Great American Smokeout is another way we can educate the public on these health issues.”

To have a speaker talk to your group about this and other community health issues, contact the Sedgwick County Health Department at 660-7350.

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